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Total quantity of rubber available in 1954:	11,694 tons
rubber available on 1 January 1954:	224 "
1954 imports of rubber:	12,000 "
rubber procured through miscellaneous channels:	470 "
total quantity of rubber to be distributed in 1954:	11,694 "
allocation to scheduled recipients (Kontingenttraeger):	11,324 "
allocations to miscellaneous consumers:	
Scheduled recipients (Kontingenttraeger) 8800:	170 "
rubber on hand on 31 January 1954:	200 "

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2. Breakdown of rubber allocations made to "Kontingenträger":	
Ministry of Heavy Industry:	9,857.8 tons
Ministry of Light Industry:	117 "
Ministry of the Foodstuffs Industry:	911 "
State Secretariat for Locally Controlled Industrial	
Locally administered enterprises (Oertliche Wirtschaft):	393.15 "
Ministry of Health:	44 "

Comment. It had originally been planned to import 4,000 tons of natural rubber in 1954. In 1953, approximately 3,700 tons of natural rubber were imported. The present report indicates that the the 1954 rubber imports increased about 300 percent over the 1953 rubber imports. It may be assumed that rubber imports were increased to that extent because the quality of the motor vehicle tires manufactured in the GDR had deteriorated so much that the situation had become untenable. The increased rubber imports will probably serve to improve the quality of the tires produced in the GDR. Besides this, it probably will bring about an increase of tire production in the GDR.

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